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LONG FOR AMERICANS TO TAKE CONTROL

Citizens of Havana Ready and Anxious For Spanish Rule to Leave the City Forever.

Havana, Dec. 16.—The people of Havana, Spanish and Cuban, long for American occupation. The Cubans, because they live in unrest and fear; the Spanish residents, because they will stay here after the Spanish soldiers' departure and they don't wish the Cubans to become further embittered.

General Arzola, the military governor of the province of Havana, is regarded by the Cubans as being responsible for the violent conduct of individual officers and privates. It is asserted that the feeling against Arzola's battalions is that their attacks on the Cubans, who give the least provocation, are not to be punished.

Captain General Castellanos keenly regrets the disorders which have occurred, and wishes that the last days of Spanish rule here may be peaceful as he has many cares to occupy his attention.

The talk among junior Spanish officers and privates is that they ought to mark their retirement from the island by killing 500 insurgents. They may be said to go about with fingers on the triggers of their revolvers yearning for trouble. The Cubans in streets and suburbs are often insolent, and consequently further trouble may not be unlikely.

MAILS FOR PORTO RICO

United States Contracts For Steamer to Make Five Trips a Month.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The United States postal contract with the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company, supplemental to existing arrangements with the Red D. line, has been formally signed.

Mails will leave New York on Jan. 6, 20 and 31, by the New York and Porto Rico Steamship company, and on Jan. 14 and 26 by the Red D. line. The arrangements are for the regular sailings a month from New York to Porto Rico and regular additional sailings in connection therewith around the island at least once a week, sailing at all principal harbors and ports.

The plan also makes three trans-Atlantic trips between Port Tampa and Havana, via Key West, and department officials believe the new line running between Miami, Fla., and Havana, without intermediate stops, may seek to carry the mails and create a quicker service.

MAY YET BE RAISED.

The Maine and Crooked Colon Likely to Ride the Waves Again.

Washington, Dec. 16.—The navy department has not abandoned the hope of rescuing the Maine from Havana and bringing the wreck back to this country for rehabilitation, nor does it seem likely that the interest taken by responsible wrecking experts that the Cristobal Colon will be permitted to round to pieces on the shore west of Santiago. The board of construction just under consideration, a formal proposition for the salvage of both these vessels and their delivery at New York or such other port in the United States as the government might select, but no company will be allowed to begin operations on the vessels until a comparison can be made between the offers from several trustworthy concerns.

The Swedish company, which is said to be the most capable and experienced in the world, now has experts at work on the Colon making an investigation into the difficulties involved in her salvage.

Divers and engineers have been brought from Europe especially for this purpose, and after satisfying themselves of the Colon's condition and the expense that must be incurred in floating her they will go to Havana and examine the Maine. There is no doubt in the minds of naval officials that the report of these experts will result in a bona fide offer from this company, but a disposition is manifested to give preference to the American wreckers if all other things are equal. The navy department has, however, made the right rule that its proposition will be considered involving the government in any expense until the vessels are safely delivered in a naval dry dock, on the "no-expense-no-pay" principle.

CHANGES HER TESTIMONY.

Miss Buchanan Says Mrs. Burnett Made Her Say What She Did.

Topeka, Dec. 16.—Something of a sensation was developed in the Collins murder case when Ella Buchanan was recalled and testified that her testimony given on Monday that she saw a man on the roof of the Collins' kitchen on the morning of the murder was absolutely false. Miss Buchanan said:

"Mrs. Burnett came to see me on Branner street on the morning of the murder and told me that I was to swear that she had been to Scranton and had come home and that I met her and then we went looking for a house and saw a man on the roof of the Collins' house. Mrs. Burnett told me I must swear to this or go to the penitentiary."

The witness then swore she had sworn falsely in every particular and explained in detail how Mrs. Burnett had told her to swear and what to swear to.

Dick Collier Hanged.

Champaign, Ill., Dec. 16.—Dick Collier of Danville, was hanged at Urbana today for the murder of Charles Freibryant, which occurred in September last.

FILIPINOS COMING AROUND GRADUALLY.

Each Day That Passes Adds to a Peaceable Solution of Disposition of the Islands.

Manila, Dec. 16.—Rear Admiral Dewey, when correspondent of the Associated Press called upon him, courteously and pleasantly, but absolutely declined to discuss the political situation in the Philippine islands on the ground that his sphere was purely naval. The admiral seldom goes ashore, and insisted that the interviewer was in a better position to acquire information than himself. He then proceeded to cross-examine the correspondent about everything ashore. He was glad to learn that the insurgents are releasing the sick Spanish soldiers they held prisoners, notwithstanding the grandiloquent refusal of Aguinaldo to do so. This proves the insurgents are very conciliatory in spite of their defiant talk.

Admiral Dewey has always believed the insurgents friendly, especially since warships of our fleet have visited the different ports of these islands, and since some of our officers have made tours of the islands, carefully investigating the popular sentiment and judiciously preaching the gospel of a peaceful settlement everywhere with highly satisfactory results. A few influential Filipinos in an ambitious attempt at advancement are clamoring for independence, though unable to realize its true meaning. They are utterly ignorant of the difference between name and reality. The agitators here invariably admit they will be unable to stand without American protection, but in spite of this, they continue their meaningless efforts for independence, and may possibly create trouble. The general, however, believes that negotiable at the present juncture, through more trifling passenger counts. However, every day that passes without a cutter means so much gain, because Britain's feeling is steadily increasing, and incidents of retrenchment disappearing and subtlety weakening.

The newspapers of Manila are doing particularly valuable work in simultaneously publishing news of clandestine negotiations with Spain and in English. This course is based upon the desire to eliminate the friction which has existed here.

Admiral Dewey is greatly interested in the movement among American volunteers to claim their discharges here and engage in pioneering on-shore.

He believes there is a practically unlimited field for planters, miners and miners here. To the suggestion that if the natives prove to be too rebellious, perhaps they might be handed over to the Germans or other unkind landlords. The admiral said that he believed the Germans now have already abandoned their design in the Philippines, though formerly he said the German attitude had caused him insurmountable anxiety.

According to recent information received here, the Filipino insurgents are endeavoring to maintain a brave show for the purpose of securing the best terms possible from the Americans. It is the opinion of the admiral that it might be advisable for the United States to let the insurgents retain their armaments and that the whole continent would be comparatively a quiet scene and the payment of the troops would have a valuable effect and may save incalculable trouble.

Admiral Dewey is strongly convinced that the Filipino insurgents deserve some acknowledgement. He is a believer in the practicability of liberal measures in the direction of local autonomy.

Regarding the possibility of interior communications Admiral Dewey said:

"Prior to the arrival of the monitors I felt uneasy, but now I am ready to hold this position against the whole earth."

New Rates Promulgated.

Austin, Dec. 16.—Judge Steinman filed with the commission an application for rates to appear on the International and Great Northern railroads.

The rates asked for on express cars and package house packages are the same as those embodied in the annotations made by the railroads. The railroads are the only other entity in his statement to legitimate and fair business on rates are the same as those of the express companies and railroads, except for some observations which show a slight increase. The commission recommended officially the rates embraced in the application of the roads.

Prohibition Curbed.

Cameron, Tex., Dec. 16.—In the local option election in precinct No 2 of McLennan county at the Berlin junction there were 84 votes dry and 4 wet. This community is composed mostly of Irish immigrants.

Fear of Being Trashed.

Malvern, Ark., Dec. 16.—Hardy Sodden, charged with the murder of Mrs. Horne, has been brought here from Hot Springs for fear of a lynching. His brother, William, has been arrested as an accomplice in the crime.

Drayton on the Way to France.

London, Dec. 16.—The Paris correspondent of the Daily News, Mrs. Emily Crawford, says it is believed that Drayton is now on his way to France.

Two Firemen Killed.

Chicago, Dec. 16.—The collapse of a wall during a fire in a livery stable here killed two firemen and injured a number of others.

Big Land Purchase.

Kansas City, Dec. 16.—W. O. Barnes of Texas, bought 72,000 acres of land and 700 cattle from Kansas City parties.

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